

REMARKS

A telephonic interview was held on March 5, 2008 between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Xiang Lu. During the Interview, the status of Application Nos. 09/987,905 and 09/987,908, and the pending claims were discussed. The Examiner issued an oral Restriction Requirement and requested an oral election. Applicant's representative requested that the Examiner issue a written Restriction Requirement to allow Applicant the opportunity to review and coordinate the 09/987,905 and 09/987,908 applications.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed March 17, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I, claims 1-6, 15-18, 23-29, 40, 41, 43, and 45, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a system and method of business model representation and configuration for performance management and reporting;

Group II, claims 1, 7-14, 21, 23, and 30-37, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a system and method of implementing database extraction, transformation, and loading;

Group III, claims 46, 47, and 49, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method for loading, receiving instructions for, and configuring a database;

Group IV, claims 19 and 20, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an operational framework including a user interface console for configuring a database; and

Group V, claims 39, 42, and 48, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a carrier wave.

Applicant amends claims 2-10, 18-21, 23 and 41 and cancels claims 39, 42, and 49 without prejudice or disclaimer, leaving claims 1-21, 23-38, 40, 41, 43, 45-47, and 49 pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-6, 15-18, 23-29, 40, 41, 43 and 45, with traverse. Claims 7-14, 19-21, 30-38, 47, 47, and 49 are withdrawn. The Restriction Requirement is submitted to be improper at least because the connectors including the ETL function and the operational framework are components of a data warehouse system. See, e.g., Fig. 1, and page 8, lines 3-7 of Applicant's specification.

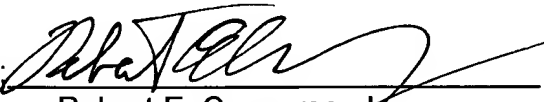
Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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